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## I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Nothing to report.

## II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. [redacted] The Basic Country Survey on Italy given 30 September through 4 December 1958 indicates that one hour and ten minutes will be devoted to "Communist and Socialist Parties." The lecturer is PIO ULIASSI of the Department of State. SIC notes that:

- a. The course catalogue gives as one of the objectives:  
"Emphasis will be placed on such problems as the continued strength and potential of the Communist Party (largest in the Free World)."
- b. The Communist and Nenni Socialist Parties account for more than 35% of the vote and the seats in the Chamber of Deputies in Italy.
- c. We have the competence in this field since our staff regularly gives lectures on The Italian Communist and Left Wing Socialist parties in the Organization and Operations course.
- d. We were neither consulted nor asked to participate in the Communist phase of this course.

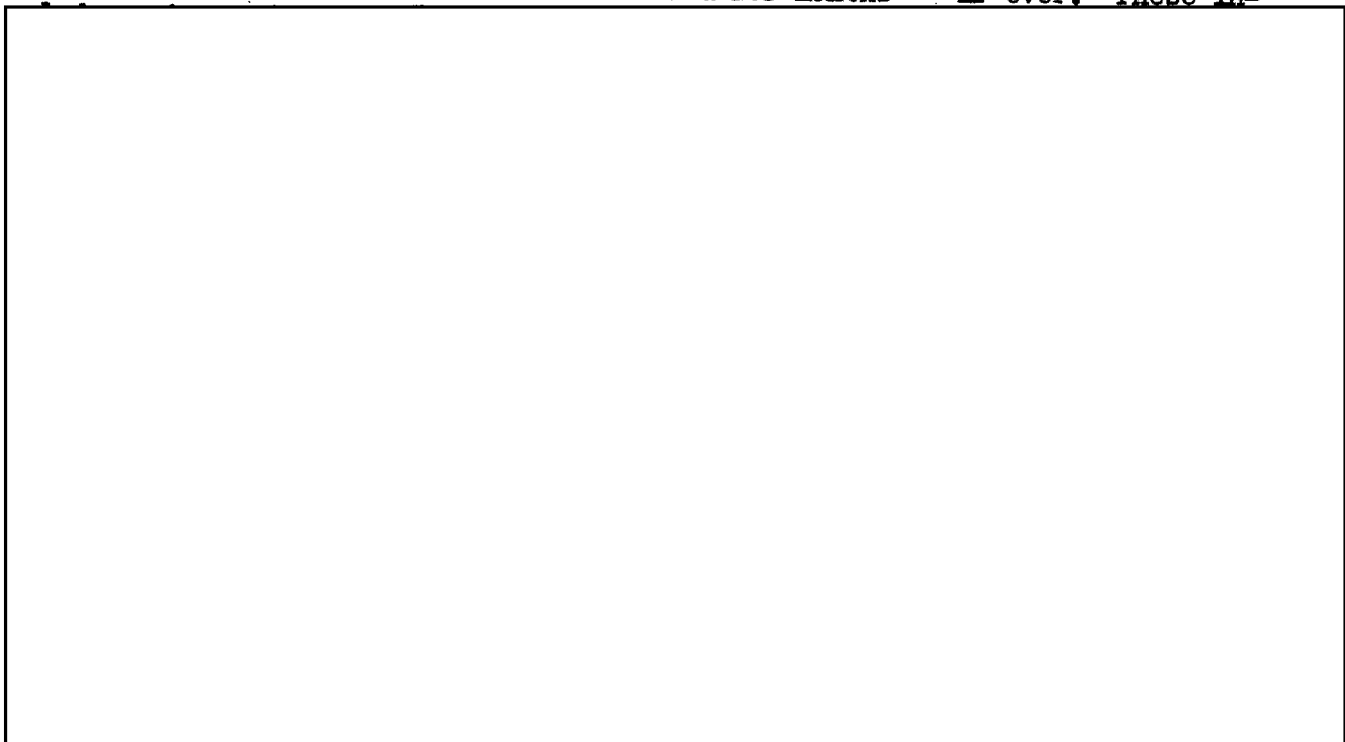
Intelligence School and SIC are now prepared to report to the A&E and JOT staffs observations made by instructors, in accordance with criteria established by those staffs.

(NOTE: This does not alter SIC's premise that with the possible exception of the basic course, its function is to provide staff personnel with a body of knowledge gained from our continuing exploitation of Communist Party documents and

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of the accumulated knowledge and experience resulting from the [redacted] Our people will thus be better equipped to do their jobs and it will later be reflected in their job performance. (Our function is not Evaluation.)

3. [redacted] on the RIS lecture for CIC at Holabird. Both declined with thanks his magnanimous offer to let one of them (as recognized experts) do it. Instead, [redacted] to determine the composition of the audience -- whether their operational experience was in [redacted] -- their experience in RIS operations -- and what instruction in the RIS they have previously received. [redacted] is to make available in his office a half dozen draft studies which won't be released for months -- if ever. These in-



When [redacted] mentioned that the enrollment this time was weak numerically, they expressed the opinion that if the course were publicized to the desks for what it is (a true seminar on operations designed to present ideas from all of the Free World stations which might be applicable to the students country of interest) there would be no problem. They also said that publicizing the fact that since performance in this kind of a course cannot be evaluated and consequently no "grade" is given would be of great help in attracting senior personnel.

*How about a meeting in the OTR building?*  
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25X1 [ ] of ICD, after the panel concluding the course, suggested that ICD/OTR jointly issue a "plug" for the ACO coming up in January, to the above effect.

DDP 6. The Special Training Course for OSI began Wednesday 1 October with 11 students. Some auditors will be present for later sessions. The course, which was jointly organized by OSI and SIC includes elements of three SIC courses (IOC, CPO and BCS: USSR).

7. Only five have thus far enrolled in the Organization and Operations course scheduled to begin Monday 6 October. This number does not justify running it. Four are DDP and one OTR. Only three are scheduled for overseas in the foreseeable future (2 of these [ ]). They are all being called to-day and offered a two-week tutorial (20-31 October). During this period in addition to receiving individual instruction they would audit the lectures on Organization and Operations in the JOT program.

25X1 8. Regarding the meeting on the showing of films relating to Communism we had with OCR [ ] in your office Wednesday 1 October:

25X1 We plan to get out a prototype film with tape trailer in cooperation with OCR soon (but bearing in mind our heavy participation in the JOT program.) This trailer, as [ ] sees it, can contain not only 2 - 3 minutes by way of "critique," to put the film in proper perspective, but also a minute's "plug" for the SIC courses. (We need to start selling soap in view of the enrollment difficulties in the ACO and CPO noted above.)

### III. PERSONNEL NOTES

25X1 1. [ ] is leaving Friday 3 October. In considering a replacement, the thought has occurred to us that if our offices were all in one wing we might be able to drop her slot. The small classroom in Wing 2200 (where [ ] office is) could easily be divided into three or four offices, 25X1 adequate for our needs in the foreseeable future. This classroom is the least satisfactory of all the poor ones OTR currently has, as you know. So it would be no great loss. This is all speculation at the moment; we're simply raising it as a possibility. (There are arguments against it such as: the inconvenience from an administrative standpoint in conducting classes in the other wing when all the offices would be occupied by other than our own personnel, etc.)